Declining production in Textile Engineering Industry

†1254. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Textile Engineering Industry is in doldrums and there was a 20 per eent fall in production during the current financial year;

(b) whether the Industry has blamed Government's import policies and customs operation for its predicament; and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) According to available information, the production of textile machinery during April-November, 1992 was 556.75 crores compared to Rs. 612.75 crores during April-November, 1991. The decline in production has primarily been due to the general recession in the industry.

(b) and (c) The Industry has been representing to the Government for reduction in excise and custom duties. These representations have been examined by the Government and reliefs have been announced in custom and excise duties in the recently announced budget.

Technical and financial collaborations

† 1255. SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of technical and financial collaborations approved during the years 1991-92 and so far in 1992-93:

(b) what is the number out of these which have been in consumer goods sector; and

(c) the details of these collaborations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The details of foreign technical collaboration and foreign financial collaboration approved during the period 1991-92 and 1992-93 are as under :

year	No. of approvals given for foreign technical collaboration agreements	No. of approvals given for foreign financial collaboration with or without technical collaboration agreements	Total
1991—92	807	415	1222
1992—93	610	565	1175

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ft Previously Unstarred Question 741, transferred from 1st March, 1993,